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Applicant: Bitler

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Title: Polymeric Thickeners for Oil-Containing Compositions

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

DISCLOSURE UNDER 37 CFR 1.56

Sir:

In fulfilling the duty of candor and good faith, the documents listed on the attached PTO-1449 (two copies) are disclosed to the Office in accordance with 37 CFR 1.56. It is not admitted that the information in the listed documents is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56(b). The Examiner is asked to consider these documents and to return an initialled and signed copy of the PTO-1449 after doing so.

Also attached is a copy of each of the documents listed on the attached PTO-1449. Insofar as the attached documents have markings thereon, no significance is intended by such markings.

The documents listed on the attached PTO-1449 were cited in a Search Report issued by the European Patent Office on International Application No. PCT/U.S. 00/40780, which is a foreign counterpart of this application. A copy of that Search Report is attached. The Examiner will see that the Search Report also lists the following document which has already been cited by or submitted to the Office in this application.

U.S. Patent No. 5,736,125 (Morawsky et al)

It is submitted that this Information Disclosure Statement should be considered by the Office under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97 (d) in view of the certification under 37 CFR 1.97 (e)(1) set out below, and the fact that the Statement is accompanied by the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17 (p).

The undersigned certifies under 37 CFR 1.97(e)(1) that each of the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449 was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the

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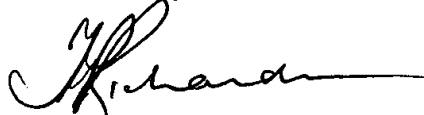
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It is believed that this Disclosure complies with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.56 and 1.97. If the some reason the Examiner thinks otherwise, he is asked to call the undersigned so that any deficiencies can be remedied.

Respectfully submitted,



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